SCAMPI Lessons Learned from Experiences in the Field

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Presenter Qualifications

SCAMPI B-C Team Lead

Participant on about two dozen SCAMPIs over the past three years

- team lead
- team member
- contract monitoring, source selection

Lessons learned

Three Learning Points

- 1. Respect the skills and knowledge of your team
- 2. Collaborate rather than dictate
- 3. Be human

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Characteristics a *Good* Team Leader Should Possess

Communicator

Collaborator

Manager

Negotiator

Organizer

Be Human



Team Leader: Communicator and Collaborator

Communicate, communicate

- Know when to talk
- Know when to listen
- Public speaking skills
- Keep appropriate information flowing at all times
- Use the appraisal plan as your communication path

Collaborate

- Know how to work jointly with others
- Cooperate rather than dictate
- Work in partnership



Team Leader: Manager and Negotiator

Manage

- Big picture
- Dependencies
- Relationships
- Expectations





 Must be able to negotiate any and all matters pertaining to the appraisal with individuals and entities internal and external to your home organization

Team Leader: Organizer, and ... Be Human

Organize

- Plan
- **Prepare**
- Expect changes The best-laid plans of mice and men often go awry. [Adapted from a line in "To a Mouse," Robert Burns]

Be Human

- People skills
- Humor
- Be caring
- Be confident
- Don't be afraid to say "I don't know"
- Know that your leadership style is a work in progress, and there is always room for improvement through additional training, reading, feedback from others, etc.



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How to Get the Best Out of Your Team

No one person on the team knows everything—you need your team, and your team needs you!

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Leadership Tactics to Ensure a Successful Appraisal

Monitor

Mentor

Observe

Develop your set of tools

- Checklists
- Templates
- Team kit



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Summary

Three learning points to take with you

- Respect the skills and knowledge of your team
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